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Serial No.: 09/944,652Reply to Office Action of: 10/30/2006
Attorney Docket No.: K35A0796**REMARKS**

The Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful and thoughtful examination of the present application. By way of summary, Claims 1, 6-9, 12-14, 19, 24-27, 30-32, 37, 41-44, 47-49, 54-57, 60 and 61 were pending in this application. In the present amendment, the Applicants have amended Claim 19. Accordingly, Claims 1, 6-9, 12-14, 19, 24-27, 30-32, 37, 41-44, 47-49, 54-57, 60 and 61 remain pending for consideration.

Allowable Subject Matter - Claims 1, 6-9, 12-14, 37, 41-44, 47-49, 54-57, 60 and 61

The Applicants also thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the above-listed claims.

Rejection Of Claims 19, 24-27 and 30-32 Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner has stated that Claims 19, 24-27 and 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because they are directed to non-statutory subject matter. Although Applicants submit that the claims as originally drafted were correct, the claims have been clarified, without altering their scope as set forth above. These claim clarifications are not made for patentability purposes, and it is believed that the claims would satisfy the statutory requirements for patentability without the entry of such clarifications. Withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 19, 24-27 and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is requested.

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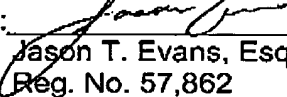
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the rejections. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any required fees associated with this Communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1209.

Respectfully submitted,

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